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Game Preview

Site: Alico Arena (4,500)

Tipoff: 7 p.m.

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS leads 2-1, W2 | [Series History](#)

Probable Starters:

#3 - Zack Bryant

#5 - Eric Boone

#11 - Mackenzie McFatten

#23 - Grant Weatherford

#24 - Prince Toyambi

- Georgia Southern caps a stretch of three road games in four days when the Eagles travel to Florida Gulf Coast Tuesday. Tipoff is set for at 7 p.m. on ESPN+.
- It will be the fourth meeting against FGCU and the third in Alico Arena, including the second in as many seasons. GS is 2-1 against the Eagles and won 72-57 in Alico Arena last December.
- It's the final game of 2020 for GS, a calendar year that has seen the Eagles post a 20-10 record.
- Junior guard Elijah McCadden was named second-team All-Sun Belt and senior guard Zack Bryant was named third-team All-Sun Belt in the Preseason Coaches Poll. Bryant scored his 1,000th career point with a pair of free throws at Davidson with 12:39 left in the game. He scored 986 points at UAB before transferring to Georgia Southern.
- Georgia Southern was picked fifth in the Sun Belt's East Division in the Sun Belt Preseason Coaches Poll.
- Georgia Southern returns five lettermen (two scholarship), which is tied for the fourth least in the country. The Eagles' nine newcomers are tied for the fourth-most in the country. Georgia Southern is replacing 79.1 percent of its scoring from last season, the 11th-most in the country. Georgia Southern has six transfers from Division I schools, and one from a Division II program who are all eligible to compete this season. Seven of the nine newcomers made their Georgia Southern debuts in the season opener Nov. 25.
- Georgia Southern is coming off its third consecutive 20-win season and advanced to the Sun Belt Championship Semifinals for the third straight campaign. The Eagles have won 20-plus games in four of the last six seasons.
- The Eagles are 10-3 in their last 13, dating back to last season, and coming off a 119-43 win over Carver Tuesday at FIU. GS has scored 100 points or more in consecutive games for the first time since the 1991-92 campaign.
- The Eagles have notched 34 wins away from home in the last four seasons, including a 3-1

mark this year. The most wins away from home in a season in school history is 12 in 1988-89.

- At 4-2, FGCU is off to its best start in the last five seasons, which includes a 66-62 win at Miami Dec. 12. The Eagles are coming off a 112-39 win over Webber International Friday night, running their home record this season to 3-1.
- FGCU entered the 2020-21 campaign with 70 percent of its scoring back in the lineup along with seven players who saw significant action in 25-or-more games during the 2019-20 season.
- The Eagles hold a 215-78 record in Alico Arena (73.4%) including a 108-35 record over the last nine years.
- Caleb Catto and Jalen Warren were named to the 2020-21 ASUN Conference Preseason All-Conference Team, and the Eagles were picked fifth by the league's coaches.